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First, it should be noted that the instant application has not been rejected as Mr. Huik described in his response filed 8/30/06. On the contrary, the application has not yet been examined. More specifically, the examiner determined during a cursory review of the claims that a Restriction Requirement was needed. In order for the examination of the instant claims to begin with regard to formalities, search of the invention, and determination of possible allowable claims or subject matter, Applicant must first elect a single invention as further explained below.

Applicant is advised that the reply to this requirement to be complete must include (i) an election of an invention to be examined even though the requirement be traversed (37 CFR 1.143) and (ii) identification of the claims encompassing the elected invention. In the present application, the examiner has determined that there exists two inventions - one regarding an apparatus (claims 1-7 and 22) and one regarding a method (claims 8-21). Applicant must elect one or the other invention in order for the examiner to begin the search and examination of claims of the elected invention. The Restrictions Requirement was originally mailed 8/8/06 detailing the reasons for restriction. Occasionally under certain circumstances, inventions are rejoined or recombined if the claims of one of the inventions are determined to be allowable.

The election of an invention or species may be made with or without traverse. To reserve a right to petition, the election must be made with traverse. If the reply does not distinctly and specifically point out supposed errors in the restriction requirement, the election shall be treated as an election without traverse.

Should applicant traverse on the ground that the inventions or species are not patentably distinct, applicant should submit evidence or identify such evidence now of record showing the inventions or species to be obvious variants or clearly admit on the record that this is the case. In either instance, if the examiner finds one of the inventions unpatentable over the prior art, the evidence or admission may be used in a rejection under 35 U.S.C.103(a) of the other invention.

The reply filed on 8/30/06 is not fully responsive to the prior Restriction Requirement because of the following omission: The election of one of the two inventions as discussed above and set forth in detail in the Restriction Requirement mailed 8/8/06. See 37 CFR 1.111. Since the above-mentioned reply appears to be bona fide, applicant is given ONE (1) MONTH or THIRTY (30) DAYS from the mailing date of this notice, whichever is longer, within which to supply the omission or correction in order to avoid abandonment. EXTENSIONS OF THIS TIME PERIOD MAY BE GRANTED UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a).

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